

ROGER BURKE, MD



Roger Burke was appointed Musical Director of Alder Valley Brass in 2007. Born into a musical family in Wigston, Leicestershire, his father taught him to play the cornet from the age of seven. Eight years later he transferred to tenor horn and finally to euphonium with the Kibworth Band. Deciding to make a career in music, Roger enlisted into The Staff Band of The Royal Corps of Transport where, after studying at the Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, he was ultimately promoted to the rank of Band Sergeant Major. In 1991 he was selected to serve at The Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and it was during his two remaining years of military service that his association with local bands first began.

Since leaving the army in 1993 Roger has developed a career in facilities management for a building consultancy company.

Roger's enthusiasm and desire for contesting success is matched with a unique ability to extract the very best from a group of amateur musicians and a talent for putting together programmes that are entertaining for all.

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We rehearse once a week, on Monday evenings, 8:00pm to 10:00pm, just a few minutes from J4a of the M3.

For more details on our rehearsal venue, to arrange a visit to one of our rehearsals, and for any enquiries, please get in touch via any of the contacts above.



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*Celebrating our 50th birthday
in 2011*

THE LOCAL BRASS BAND FOR
SURREY AND NORTH EAST
HAMPSHIRE

**ALDER VALLEY
BRASS**



Photo taken during Alder Valley's highly successful tour of Switzerland in January 2011

A Brief History

The band was founded in 1961 by George Prior, a fine trombonist from the Rhondda Valley; the first members of the band being his own sons & daughters. 18 months later the band had grown to some 22 musicians and Eric Ball awarded us our first prize at an ensemble contest in the Southern Counties Championships.

Continuous success followed; from 1968 to 1973, the band rose from the 4th section to become the 2nd section Area Champions. The band has competed at the highest levels, performing at the National Finals in London on 3 occasions and regularly at the lower section finals in Harrogate.

Under the direction of Roger Burke the band has seen further contesting success confirming our status as one of the more successful bands in the South East. In 2008 we became London & Southern Counties Area Champions (2nd section) and were invited to the National Finals in Harrogate. In 2009, as defending champions, we narrowly missed a second successive trip to the finals, finishing 4th out of 17 bands. In March 2010 we gained a 3rd place securing yet another invitation to the finals along with promotion to the 1st section.

2011 marks the 50th birthday of Alder Valley Brass and is sure to be as busy, exciting and successful as ever.

What We Do

Alder Valley Brass currently performs at a variety of venues throughout the South East of England, from supporting local events and charities, to entertaining those attending the Epsom Races & the Hampton Court Music Festival.

Our musical repertoire encompasses Beethoven to The Beatles, classical ballet to big band swing, military marches to magical Mozart and pretty much everything in between including that perennial brass band favourite, Terry Wogan's The Floral Dance.

The band has TV & radio experience having backed The Two Ronnies, Jimmy Edwards and featured in the BBC series "Oh Happy Band". We also have extensive stage experience through 14 consecutive performances of the hit play "Brassed Off" at theatres in Woking and Richmond and have regularly performed in London's Royal Parks. We have even backed a 200 voice choir in a unique rendition of Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana".

Alder Valley Brass also has experience of corporate entertaining, through previous sponsorship deals with the "now defunct" Alder Valley Bus Company, prestigious work in the city of London with the Allianz insurance company and a number of London based entertainments agencies.

Engagements

If you would like to contact Alder Valley Brass with regard to booking the band for an engagement then please feel free to get in touch with any of the contacts listed overleaf.

Whatever you want it is likely that we have the music and combination of instruments to suit so why not add that touch of something just a little different to your event by booking Alder Valley Brass?

Our fees are quite reasonable and we will be delighted to help in any way that we can.

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